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Buroprints Not A Passing "Style"

M. R. LAMPSON

THE June 3rd issue of "Mekeel's" gives the front page to an article by A. F. Gamber on "Styles in Precancels" in which the writer intimates that perhaps—note the perhaps—Bureau Print precancels are just another new style in precancel collecting, a sort of passing fancy, a momentary fad, the craze of the hour. The article is logical enough, and Mr. Gamber's conclusions would probably be all too true—were Bureau Prints not Bureau Prints. And he is very careful throughout his article not to make any rash prediction, any suggestion that Bureau Prints may go the way of all flesh, as 2c Harding and Commemorative precancels have already done.

Bureau Prints are a new era in stamp collecting—not just a new style nor a new fad. They are here to stay just as surely as regular U. S. and British Colonies stamp collecting are here to stay. Of course, people may quit stamp collecting altogether, and the U. S. government may go bankrupt so that you can buy a million dollars for a Soviet ruble. And babies may grow on trees. In the meantime, Bureau Prints are here, and our prediction is that within five years time they will be second only to regular U. S. in the favor of American collectors. We doubt if they ever gain the world-wide favor of British Colonials—but America alone is no field to get snooty about.

There was plenty of reason for the 2c Harding and other commemoratives to "faw down and go BOOM" (awfully loud). Some of the big guns in the game, especially five and six years ago, were using favoritism to have them made by the bucketful. But when all the little popguns throughout the country found that they also could get the desired cupfuls by the same means, then the big guns frowned on the practice and said it was all wrong. "Baby mustn't! Papa slap!" And so today commemorative precancels have passed into the limbo of departed styles and are doubtless on the shelf consorting with Merry Widow hats and grandmother's bustle.

Mr. Gamber himself tells why Bureau Print precancels have met with such universal favor. The precancelling is done by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving at Washington, D. C., and there can

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Wolsieffer, Ohlman, Spencer Anderson, M. G. Hanna and many others have already reserved space. *How Much do YOU want?*

be no more favoritism than in a regular issue of U. S. stamps. That's the whole story. And that's why "something else in the precancel line instead" is not the leader in precancel popularity today.

Comparatively few cities use Bureau Prints, Gamber points out. In fact, very few cities had them in the old types. And since the issues of the old types are now about finished, and very limited in number, it won't matter if 5000 more cities and towns order Buroprints. The old type issues are "made"; they have already arrived in popularity, no more can be printed, and practically all the remaining supplies in postoffices have been used up.

Mr. Gamber objects to the present prices on Buroprints, saying they are too high. Perhaps some are; in fact, I personally know some are. But take the catalog as a whole and average the prices, and they would average too low two weeks after the catalog was issued. It will take a year or more yet before prices on the old type buroprints are fully established. No doubt certain adjustments will be necessary: certain sleepers won't rise to their just prices for years yet; and it may be five or ten years yet before certain hoarded items are properly rated. But one thing I am willing to bet cash on—the total catalog value of the old types, from year to year, will register a sharp increase, and never a decrease. Is Mr. Gamber so sure that Buroprints are just a passing style that he will call my bet?

Another thing he objects to is that there are few or no rarities, outside of part of the Experimental issues of 1916 and the Liberty 1½c coil of 1925. To which I reply, fervently, thank God! There are enough genuinely scarce ones, heaven knows. I have had in my possession, since 1924, ALL the old type Buroprints except the New Orleans 3c and 6c Experimentals. (Alas, I sold three copies of the Liberty 1½c coil at a nickle apiece in 1925!) But there are 50 or 60 old type items that are mighty scarce; most collections lack them, and they show up seldom. But they DO show up now and then, and it is still possible for the average collector of quite limited means to complete a collection of the 1923 Perf. 10 issues and the old type coils. And this is one great reason for the solid and daily increasing popularity of Bureau Prints: one doesn't need a fortune to collect them.

Now, Mr. Gamber tells us what isn't nice. Well, it isn't very nice, Mr. Gamber, to make a lot of bold statements and then tell the rest of us not to answer. That really ISN'T nice. I have in mind your preposterous supposition about 50% or even 10% of the Buroprint fraternity stopping collecting. There isn't a chance in the world, Mr. Gamber, unless we have a national banking panic that would force the poor man to liquidate on all non-essentials. The fact is, (and I have figures and names in my business office to support this) your figures are about right, but they should be PLUS instead of MINUS. The number of buroprint collectors I am acquainted with DOUBLED between June and December, 1928 (the historic boom period of Buroprints), and that number has increased about 50% between January and June, 1929, or at the rate of about 10% a month. Hence your 50% and 10% stand—like a boomerang.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PHILATELIC AGENCY

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the Philatelic Agency of the Post Office Department sold postage stamps of all varieties and issues amounting to $283,983.04, it was announced July 1. This is an increase of $129,863.36 or 84 per cent over 1928, when stamps to the value of $154,119.68 were sold through this agency, it was added. The full text of the statement follows:

In this connection it may be pointed out that these stamps are now in the hands of 1,000,000 or more stamp collectors throughout the world and their value represents practically a clear profit to the Government. Few if any of the stamps sold by the Philatelic Agency will be used for postage but will be retained by the collectors indefinitely.

The most popular stamp so far as collectors are concerned seems to have been the George Rogers Clark stamp, issued to commemorate the surrender of Fort Sackville, Vincennes, Ind. There were 17,000,000 of these commemorative stamps issued to postmasters throuout the United States.

United States Daily.

P. M. PLANNING VACATION

To Air Mail Cover collectors "P. M." means Postmaster but to stamp collectors it means Wolsieffer, and this note is written so that stamp collectors may know that P. M. Wolsieffer is holding his 304th Auction sale on July 24th, after which date he will pack up his Auction Kit and take his annual summer trip to the Conventions and elsewhere.

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Jubilee set. 50, 60h, 2, 3, 5k..... .60
Ecuador Natl. Assembly set complete..21.75
Egypt A43, 10m red; D7, 10m red. Each .08
SD1. 20m red and black..... .16
Finland 500 Anniv. Comm. 1, 1½, 2m.. .18
Nicaragua new ½c, 1c/5c, 2c/5c, red ovpt. ..... .10
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CHRONICLE OF NEW ISSUES

Bureau Precancels

Under this heading all new issues will be reported. All collectors are urged to co-operate with the Editor by sending copies of all new heretofore unlisted items to the Editor of this column for chronicle, which will be returned promptly at our expense. No stamps will be listed unless they are seen; this is absolutely necessary to prevent mistakes creeping into the list.

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Saint Louis, Mo., 10c.

—Submitted June 29, 1929.

PLEASE——

The new editor of this page has NOT received the cooperation that one would naturally expect in a department of this kind. Only two collectors helped in the above listing; the majority of the items listed above are additions to the editor's own collection.

Please send us new issue buroprints for inspection; also any news items, questions, opinions, etc.

HAS ANYONE SEEN THESE?

The following are a few Buroprints that are known to have been printed and delivered to the postoffices, but have not yet been seen. Can anyone send us copies for inspection?

Rahway, N. J., old 1c coil; Oklahoma City 2c old type, both Perf. 11x10½ and coil; Lansing, Mich., 1c old type P. 11x10½; Cairo, Ill., 1c small type; Beloit, Mich., 1c small type; Peoria 1c coil small type; and Jamestown, N. Y., 1c small type.

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Up to the first of July probably less than one-fourth of the members of the S. P. A. had sent in their ballot for the election of officers for the coming year. If you have not voted, do so at once. Show your interest in your society by expressing your opinion on the choice of officers for the coming year.

Then if you are not going to be able to attend the convention send your proxy to some member who will be in attendance and who will work for what you instruct him to work for.

The publisher of this paper will attend the convention at Cleveland and will be glad to represent any member who cares to send his proxy to this office.

BURO PRINT ALBUM The work of printing the Buro Print Precancel Album has been started. Some few who have placed orders for this album have written to inquire about the progress of the work and the publishers are able to announce that the actual work of printing the album has been started. How long it will take to complete the book is dependent on various things. Our first difficulty was to get together a sample of each different city Bureau Print stamp so that we could accurately prepare illustrations for each type to be illustrated. At this writing we have secured samples of every variety except Fulton, N. Y. If any reader has a specimen of this stamp for sale please send it to the publishers with bill for same.

Due to the fact that we have now drifted into the vacation season where every employee at our shop will have a couple weeks vacation within the next two months, the actual work will be somewhat slowed up but we are confident that we will have the book ready very close to the date originally promised. Perhaps late in August.

VACATION TIME That vacation time has arrived is attested by the number of letters we get from subscribers who are telling us of their vacation plans for the summer and making arrangements to get their copies of the News each week while on their vacation. It sometimes looks to the Editor that if he wants to take a vacation that it will have to be done in pieces.

In order to make this more practical, the News will be reduced to an eight page size for a few numbers. In number of pages we will make up for most of this in the big special for August 12th and work on this issue is going ahead in a satisfactory manner. There will be a two color cover and many other features that will make you glad that you are on our subscription list.

The Editor will be at the S. P. A. Convention at Cleveland if nothing happens to prevent his presence there.

However, we know that our readers will forgive any failure on our part to keep the News at its past high standard, over the vacation season, for with the coming of September and the beginning of fall, the News will again blossom out in the twelve page form and we hope to celebrate our first birthday in November by going regularly to a sixteen page form if we don't get there before that date.

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It rained, my how it rained, but the parties bent on seeing the new Columbus Airport christened Port Columbus didn't mind the rain. The crowd was there and they stayed through the rain and enjoyed it too. Much happened that is of little interest to air mail cover fans and it is not our intention to print a detailed list of the events of the day. Suffice to say, the Editor rose early, 6 o'clock, that is early for the Editor anyhow. The weather looked doubtful but the ten mile drive from home was made in record time. It's queer what a lot of interesting things one can see when abroad on the streets of a city at an hour that is strange to themselves. I think I shall have to get up early again and get better acquainted with our city in the early hours of the morning, or should I say the late hours of the morning for I meet up with the early hours far more frequently than with the later hours around six o'clock.

The Airway Limited, Pennsylvania Train arrived on time from New York, the passengers debarked at the new Air-Rail Depot at the Port and were taken into the Depot where a brief address of greeting was delivered by Director of Public Service Duffy, responses were made by W. W. Atterbury, president of the Penna. Ry. and by Colonel Paul Henderson for T. A. T.

Miss Amelia Earhart was aboard the Airway Limited and received quite an ovation from the crowd. Henry Ford and his son Edsel came down from Detroit, arriving in Columbus by train at 5:30 A. M. Firestone from Akron was here. Following the reception to the passengers who were to take the planes, the planes were loaded and the first ship to leave the Port was the City of Columbus, about two minutes later The City of Wichita took off. As the ships were ready to depart the rain came and the crowd just stood still and took it. Miss Earhart was aboard the City of Columbus. Immediately after these two ships left the Port, the Fords, together with officials from their Detroit plants, embarked on another large Ford Plane of the same type as the ones used in the T. A. T. service and departed.

And it still rained, in fact it rained worse than it had been raining and the crowd began to depart. The parking spaces about the field had not yet been prepared for such crowds and many machines refused to negotiate the mud. In my attempt to get out of the jam and get back to town so that this issue of the News could be started through the mill I oozed into a nice little mud puddle and stopped. After shoveling some heavy gravel with my hands and driving some pieces of plank under the wheels I managed to back out of the difficulty into which I had slipped and made a fresh start in another direction.

On approaching the road in this attempt I was confronted by a man in army uniform who held up his hands to stop me or delay my passage but it was a case of make dry land or sink and I just stepped on the gas and sounded like one of the planes coming to earth and didn't even see the soldier who managed to jump aside and let her sail through to safety.

The Dedication of this Air Port marks a big step in aviation. It is the first Airport to give service on a through Transcontinental Plane-Train system. The Port covers nearly 700 acres and is being developed along the most advanced lines. The Depot and Administration building is completed except some finishing work, the large T. A. T. hangar is completed and contracts are let for several other hangars for different uses among which are flying services to nearby cities, taxi services to all points and a school for flying.

Air mail collectors have a souvenir of the dedication of this port in the cachet that was applied by the Chamber of Commerce to air mail letters from Columbus on this date.

The original plan was to use a label and a cancellation for the same but due to reasons which we will not mention, this plan was discarded and an ordinary rubber stamp cachet in two pieces was applied to letters. The cachet was applied in green with the exception that we understand some local people by diverse means were able to

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Numerous requests for various favors were received by the C. of C. Our advice to them was to disregard all special requests and to treat all alike. This favor seeking from Chambers of Commerce will do much to make cachets unpopular with such bodies.

Realizing that the visit of Amelia Earhart and her taking off in the first plane from Port Columbus would be an event worthy of record a special cachet was printed in blue and brown on 104 covers and mailed out by the publishers of the News. A cachet commemorating the visit of Henry Ford at this dedication was also printed in blue ink on a like quantity of covers and mailed from Columbus on this dedication day, July 8th.

Buffalo—Toronto, Correction

We regret the publication of the statement that a cachet and flight by Air Mail would occur from Buffalo on the 15th of July. This information was taken from an item in another paper and since the source has always been reliable we were glad to print it. All other information regarding this and the other Canadian Flights will stand as printed.

Cachet at Hartford, Conn., July 20

On the occasion of the anniversary of the visit of Lindbergh to Hartford, Conn., the Hartford Air Mail Society will use the original Lindbergh Celebration Cachet with change of date. Collectors who did not get the original can get this one if they get their letters in quick enough. Buell A. French, Box 680, Hartford, Conn.

We know the time is short, ought to have been announced a week earlier at least but that is the fault of the parties who are staging these events. This news reached our office on July 8th. It will go in the July 15th issue of the News, being mailed from Columbus on July 13th. No other paper makes such speed in getting the news out when it comes to hand but we can't print it unless it comes in early. If collectors will stop and consider these things they will help brother collectors very much in getting into these flights.

AIR MAIL FLASHES

A Calendar of coming events. Only events with known dates and complete information will be listed. Information for this calendar can be sent either direct to the publisher or to the editor of this Calendar—

GEORGE A. ZIMMERMAN
1747 Wallen Ave. Chicago, Ill.

JULY 17—Saginaw, Mich. First Anniversary C. A. M. 27 Cachet by Jr. Chamber of Commerce. Send covers to W. J. Foley, Secy. to Postmaster.

JULY 17—South Bend, Ind. First Anniversary of C. A. M. 27, Cachet by Northern Indiana Philatelic Society. Send Covers to George Carter, 1123 E. Indiana Ave., South Bend, Ind.

JULY 18—Du Bois, Pa., Dedication of Airport. Cachet by American Legion. Send covers to American Legion.

JULY 27-28—Alliance, Ohio, Airport Dedication, Cachet. Covers to American Legion.

LAST OF JULY—date uncertain. Dedication Airport, Saginaw, Mich. Cachet by Jr. Chamber of Commerce. Send covers to W. J. Foley, Secy. to Postmaster.

AUG. 1—Columbus, Ohio. First Anniversary C. A. M. Route 16. Cachet. Covers to Linn's Weekly Stamp News, 20 E. Chestnut St., Columbus, Ohio.

World's Refueling Flight Record

The Question Mark set a record. Two wild Texas boys went up in a junk machine and broke that record and then we have two Cleveland Pilots, Byron K. Newcomb and Roy L. Mitchell, turn about and break the Texas record. A typewritten cachet of this event comes from Mr. H. J. Walk of Cleveland, Ohio. We understand that there were 100 letters carried on this flight which were signed by both pilots in the air. If such is the case then there are evidently two different lots of cachets for this flight.

Some Late Cachets

Mr. G. W. Linke of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, sends a set of four covers from the First Maritime Air Pageant Flights from Moncton and Saint John, New Brunswick and Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The cachets are all striking in design and all covers come backstamped, making a very neat set.

Mr. John W. Riley of Hartford, Conn., sends a set of covers from Hartford for the dates July 1 to 6 in honor of the third anniversary of C. A. M. Route Number 1. A different cachet was used each day and each has the date stamped with it adding to the interest of this set.

Mr. Buell A. French of Hartford, Conn., prepared a special envelope for the Editor and sent it on the first day, July 1st. It is decorated with six different cachets as applied daily during the days of the anniversary and each cachet is stamped in a different color. These six cachets are on the back of the cover with several other little cachets sprinkled around the edges. On the front are numerous other cachets including what we believe is the private personal mark of Mr. French, a maltese cross with his A. P. S. number 9250 in the center. This cover is indeed decorated up in a beautiful fashion and will form a very interesting and attractive piece in a collection.

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Send for a copy of my price list of first flight and dedication covers at lowest prices. Henry K. Rosenberger, Needham, Mass.

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WHO WANTS IT DONE

Zinzinnati, O., July 13, 1929

Dear Ed:—

Editor Fennel has a note in his last American Philatelist referring to the fact that someone, somewhere, has started some propoganda to abolish the office of Official Expert in the A. P. S.

Since there appears to be no knowledge as to where this proposal started from it would look like it might be another of those Poison Pen letters that we read about in the newspapers from time to time.

Surely the collector dont want the office abolished. If it is the dealer who wants it abolished then of course no names would be mentioned.

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Plans for the S. P. A. Special Edition of the News for August 12th, are rapidly taking shape. H. J. Walk, the hustling secretary of the Cleveland Stamp Club, which will entertain the S. P. A. Convention at Cleveland on August 12, 13 and 14, is shouldering the work that must be done to shape up the Special Issue of August 12th.

A complete corps of editors must be found and then Mr. Walk must see that each of these parties will have their copy ready on the dot. A newspaper such as this can not wait, things must be ready on the day set and when the final day comes, the rush to complete the paper on time for distribution at the usual hour will keep the printers busy until the paper is turned in at the postoffice for distribution to the readers.

Already, several parties have been picked for the various Department Editors for this Special Edition of the News.

H. J. Walk will act as Editor, he will be assisted by Dr. N. P. McGay; Mrs. D. W. Warner; Miss Frances Norton and Mr. H. Griffin who will supply special items and feature articles. The Air Mail Department will be piloted by Erwin Strasser and Paul Hudson, both of whom are live air mail enthusiasts. Mr. Hugo Schatz will edit a Junior Page.

Announcement of other assistants will be made later and we hope to have a line-up that will assure a splendid number for this first special issue of the News.

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